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Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Previously amended) A storage organizer system comprising a rail adapted to be securely mounted to a substantially flat vertical surface, a storage unit including at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels having front and rear portions, each of said upright panels having a cutout-free rear edge, at least one rail engaging member mounted to the two laterally spaced-apart upright panels and extending towards the rear, said rail engaging member being adapted to engage the rail for suspending the unit from the rail, a spacer extending rearwardly from each of said upright panels at a distance from said rail engaging member for defining a gap (D) behind said storage unit once installed on said rail, wherein said rail engaging member is removably securable at various vertically spaced-apart fixed locations along a major portion of the length of said cutout-free rear edges of spaced-apart upright panels in vertically spaced-apart holes defined along said at least two spaced-apart upright panels.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said rail engaging portion has a hooked end for engagement at a selected location in said rail.

4. (Original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said rail engaging member includes a transversal member extending across said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels, and at least one hook mounted to said transversal member between said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels for engagement with said rail.

5. (Original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 4, wherein said transversal member is allowed to rotate about a longitudinal axis thereof relative to said at least two spaced-apart upright panels.

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6. (Original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 5, wherein said transversal member is provided in the form of a rod received at opposed ends thereof in first and second circular holes respectively provided in said at least two laterally spaced-apart panels.

7. (Original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 3, wherein said at least one rail engaging member includes a distinct rail engaging member for each panel, each said distinct rail engaging member being provided in the form of a bracket adapted to be secured to a corresponding panel of said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels.

8. (Previously presented) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 7, wherein said bracket includes a pair of parallel arms extending from opposed ends of a web member for receiving said corresponding panel therebetween with said web member covering an underlying portion of a rear edge of said corresponding panel, and a hook extending rearwardly from said web member for engaging said rail.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Previously presented) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said spacer is provided at a bottom end portion of said at least two laterally spaced-apart upright panels.

11. (Previously presented) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said spacer includes a projection extending rearwardly from a rear edge of each of said at least two laterally spaced-apart panels.

12. (Previously presented) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 1, wherein said rail includes first and second legs extending at an acute angle from each other, said first legs defining a number of holes adapted to receive fasteners for horizontally securing said rail to the vertical surface with said second leg projecting upwardly.

13. (Original) A storage organizer system as defined in claim 12, wherein said rail has a J-shape, whereas said rail engaging portion has an inverted J-shape.

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14 to 18. (Cancelled)